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LONG SUFFERING—God never makes us  
conscious of our weakness except  
to give us of His strength.

**1998 Agri-Plex Ag Day**  
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# The Winters Enterprise

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## Surprise, surprise — ELC to Abilene postponed again

"The long awaited local calling to Abilene has hit yet another snag," stated Winters ELC coordinator Randall Boles.

Public Utility Commission spokeswoman Linda Hymans of Austin said that Bell Telephone Company, the service provider for

Abilene, has filed for a postponement of extended local calling to Winters. This filing with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) means that Winters will not get local dialing to Abilene for probably another six months.

Hymans also stated that Winters will get local calling to

Abilene but it is just being postponed.

"This is just another example of the wheel of government turning slowly again. While the delay is certainly frustrating, I feel optimistic about the end result," said Boles.

## Filing deadline nears for city, school, hospital

Prospective candidates in the May 2 elections have until March 18 for the city and school sign-up and April 2 for the hospital sign-up.

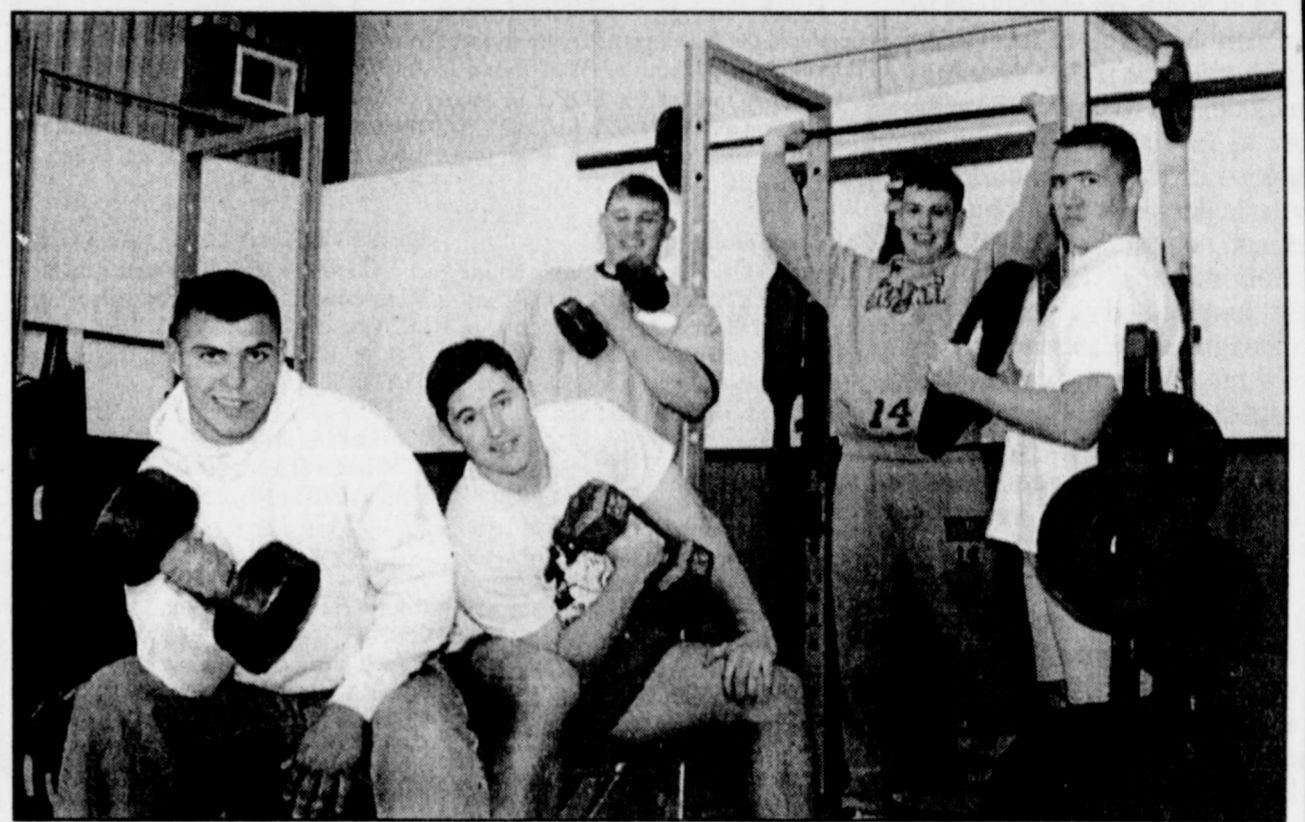
As of press time late Tuesday evening, incumbent Allen Andrae was the only candidate signed up for Place 1 in the school board election.

The at-large Place 7, currently held by Joe Pritchard, has no candidates at the present time. Anyone living in the Winters Independent

School District may file for the at-large position. Only residents of the Place 1 district may file for that position.

In the City of Winters council election, incumbents Shirley Hall and Nelan Bahlman have chosen not to file for re-election.

Hall represents district 4 and as of March 10, Steve Esquivel has filed for that position. See FILINGS, page 3



**POWERLIFTERS TO REGIONAL COMPETITION** at Colorado City on March 14 will be (left to right) Kirk Byrd and Dennis Conner in the 220 lb. division, Brad Van Zandt in Super Heavy Weight division, Eric Tekell in 242 lb. class, and Craig Conner in the 198 lb. class. Region I competition includes all class A, 2A and 3A schools from Eden to the Texas panhandle and west to El Paso.



**UNIQUE MEMORABILIA** could always be found gracing the walls of The Burger Hut which closed Saturday after almost 25 years of operation by Bobby Mayo. Some of the items shown here include pictures of street scenes of downtown Winters taken in 1911 and 1924, the 1940 WHS band, the Hudgens family in the early 1900's, and a centennial edition of *The Winters Enterprise*.

## Burger Hut closes after 25 years

by Jean Boles

After almost 25 years, Bobby Mayo has hung up his frying pan and closed the doors to the Burger Hut.

A steady stream of visitors, patrons and well-wishers stopped by east highway 153 last Saturday, March 6, for a final burger and fries or just to reminisce about days gone by.

Bobby opened his eating establishment on April 14, 1973, in a little 16x32 foot building which would seat thirteen people and was a popular spot, especially with teenagers.

With four other "hamburger joints" in town, some skeptics told Bobby he probably wouldn't last three months.

In 1977 he added a 1,000 square foot dining room which has, at times, been almost like a museum sporting such memorabilia as posters of old movies and their stars, a picture of the Winters Junior Band dated January 15, 1927, a picture of the 1940 Winters High School Band, and a 1928 portrait of the first Breezes football team.

For those who wanted to step back even further in time, there were original street scenes of downtown Winters taken in 1911 and 1924.

At one time, visitors to the Burger Hut could find a print of the classic "American Gothic" featuring the very somber-faced farm couple with a pitch fork.

This picture served as the basis for one of Bobby's favorite stories in which one of his past employees once asked if the folks in the picture were his parents because he looked so much like his "mother" in the painting.

Bobby also enjoyed telling about two very finicky elderly women who refused to eat salad that was displayed in an antique cast iron bathtub.

Although the tub was extremely clean and painted bright red and the food was contained in the stainless steel bowls, the ladies were quite adamant.

"You just never know who might be taking a bath in there," they would state.

While bathing in the tub was not an actual event at the Burger Hut, the cozy eatery was always buzzing with the latest gossip, not limited to just local events, but taking in national and world happenings.

With so many knowledgeable and worldly opinions exchanged over plates of chicken fried steak or shrimp, Bobby said the conversations could sometimes be quite heated. But he is quick to say that

the debates never got out of hand and that all participants and bystanders would always end the good-natured conversations with hearty laughs and handshakes.

Good food, good friends, good visits. Such was the nature of the Burger Hut.

Now retired, Bobby plans to channel his energy and interests into "learning to find a hobby." "I've worked all my life and never really taken time for a hobby," said Bobby, who worked for the Hodge Estate for 35 years, beginning his "movie career" at the ripe old age of 10, when he sold popcorn. The Hodge Estate owned several theaters and drive-in theaters, and Bobby became manager of the State Theater on December 1, 1975.

Bobby said he's always enjoyed being around people and will miss the daily visiting he's had with customers for the past 25 years. He said he might also do some traveling and would like to do some volunteer work, possibly with Meals on Wheels.

Guess you can take this fellow out of visiting in the kitchen but you can't take the visiting out of the fellow.

*"I've worked all my life and never taken time for a hobby"*  
—Bobby Mayo

## Voters choose incumbents in Democratic Primary elections

Runnels County incumbents swept the Democratic Primary election on Tuesday.

Leading the slate was County Judge Marilyn Egan, winning by nearly a five-to-one margin over challenger Bob McDaniel. In unofficial returns, McDaniel received 328 votes to Egan's 1,529 votes.

District Clerk Loretta Michalewicz was unopposed and garnered 1,645 votes in the primary.

Democratic County Clerk candidate Elesa Ocker was unopposed in the primary, receiving 1,552 votes. Her announced opponent in the November General Election, Vicki Rutledge, received 108 votes in Republican primary voting.

Incumbent County Clerk Linda Bruchmiller did not run for re-election.

County Treasurer Margarette Smith handily beat challenger Michael B. Murchison, tallying 1,399 votes to the former county judge's 413 votes.

One of the races with the largest number of candidates, County

Commissioner, Precinct 2, will not see a runoff as many had predicted. Incumbent Keith Collom received 268 votes, challenger Denny Heathcott 73 votes, and the third candidate in the race, Jeryl Priddy, received 110 votes.

Ricky Strube, County Commissioner of Precinct 4, was unopposed in the primary and received 429 votes.

Locally, Justice of the Peace Joyce Weems narrowly avoided a runoff. See **INCUMBENTS**, page 2

## Lady Blizzards named to All-District teams

Five members of the 1997-98 Lady Blizzards have received All-District honors from District 8-2A.

Named to the First Team All-District is Cristin Corley, a 5'8" junior.

Jeanna Kozelsky and Monica Parramore were selected to the Second Team All-District. Kozelsky and Parramore are both 5'7" seniors at Winters High School.

Receiving Honorable Mention were Heather Watkins, a 5'3" senior, and Karen Oats, a 5'7" senior.

The Lady Blizzards were coached by Will Corley, assisted by Deb Whittenburg.



Corley



Kozelsky

Parramore

Watkins

Oats

## State pays over \$4 million for welfare in Runnels County

The state of Texas spent a total of \$4,126,049 last year for major welfare programs in Runnels County, according to the 1997 Annual Report of the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS).

In Runnels County, Food stamps reached 1,324 clients for a total of \$943,198.

TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) reached 297 recipients for a total of \$188,913.

Long Term Care helped 121 clients in nursing homes for a total of \$2,275,400.

CCAD (Community Care for Aged and Disabled) assisted 123 clients for a total of \$718,538.

The report reviews expenditures and services provided by DHS for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1997.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

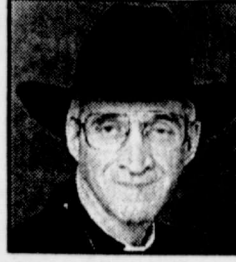
- March 12-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- March 13-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6-6:45 p.m., Little League Registration, Catholic Church Hall
- March 14-Regional Powerlifting Competition, Colorado City
- March 15-Young Volunteer of the Year Nominations Due
- 2 p.m., "Cancer Survivor's Perspective," Abilene
- 2-4 p.m., Sing-along, Guiding Light Spirit Filled Church
- March 16-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30-6:30 p.m., Grades K-2 Youth Basketball Game
- 6 p.m., Weight Watchers, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- 6:45-8 p.m., Grades 3-6 Youth Basketball Game
- March 17-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star Friendship Night
- Women's Service League
- AGRI-PLEX AG DAY, BALLINGER HIGH SCHOOL**
- ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- March 18-10 a.m.-Noon, FREE Blood Pressure Check, Sr. Citizens Center
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- March 19-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30-6:30 p.m., Grades K-2 Youth Basketball Game
- 6:45-8 p.m., Grades 3-6 Youth Basketball Game
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, David Evans' Classroom at WHS
- Literary & Service Club



# From The Well



By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

In the minds of many people, funerals are bad. The impression many have is that the pall of death predominates the scene. Funeral directors are depicted as tall, pale, spiritless people with only money on their mind. Preachers are seen as those who are standing with

one foot in the grave, and a message that compliments the picture. Much weeping. Much pain. Much coldness. Something one wants to avoid.

I have not found it so in rural and small town America. The funeral directors I have known there are very human, very down-to-earth, and truly caring people. They may not have all the professional postures of their big city peers, but they have a heart for their clients and the folks in the community. If you were to talk personally with them about their profession, you would find that it is truly a ministry that they do — a ministry to the grieving.

The congregations I have served in rural and small town settings have seen funerals as a congregational ministry — not just something the preacher and organist do. Everybody gets in the act and surrounds the folks who have lost a loved one with their presence, their prayers, and, for sure, food!

Just this past week, the folks at St. John's helped a family celebrate the death of a mother. She was a very kind and sweet lady. Had nine children, 22 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren. All nine children came home for the funeral, and most of the rest of the family. Even when Minnie was dying, at the home of a son who lives in Tye, the atmosphere was one of peace and love — not fear. As she laid in bed, children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren would gather around, hold her hand, speak with her. She was never left alone. And, neither were they.

To be sure, there were tears. And hugs. And many prayers. The day before when Ramona and I were with her and the family around her bed, we truly celebrated the Lord's Supper. We said old familiar Bible passages — like the 23rd Psalm, John 3:16, Romans 8 — the "nothing an separate us" passage. We sang, "Jesus Loves Me," not only the first verse but the next two:

"Jesus loves me! loves me still, 'tho I'm very weak and ill, that I might from sin be free, bled and died upon the tree."  
and "Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in."  
So right, so appropriate. So full of love.

Then came the day she died. More family had come to be with her. Truly, a reunion time. Just that afternoon, Ramona and I joined the family in prayer around her bed. We commended her to the Lord. Ramona and I had to leave. A brother pastor from Abilene came and stayed. The family kept vigil. Some in the bedroom with her. Some in the kitchen, the living room, the front porch. Surrounded was she. One of her daughters who was there when she died had this to say to my brother pastor, "You were there with us at that most precious moment in my life — when my mother's soul flew right up to Heaven. I'll never forget it. Thank you for being there with us."

The funeral was a celebration. A celebration of life over death. The women of the church served 130 members of the family and friends before the service. The tables were bulging with meat, chicken, barbecue, vegetables, rice, beans, salads, and desserts. Not a store-bought thing. A good bit of "left overs" went home with the family.

The service was simple — commemorative. "Jesus Love Me," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Nearer My God To Thee," and "Onward Christian Soldiers" were sung. Psalm 23 and John 3:16 and Romans 8 were all read. We thanked God for Minnie, remembered her, and commended her to the God who made it all happen, the One whom Minnie knew in Jesus, and who, as she said, "has always been with me."

The day after the funeral, I stopped by the house. There they were — the children and some grandchildren and some smaller folks — sitting on the floor, or on chairs, going through the scrap books, boxes of pictures. Sorting. Most of all "remembering." "This one must be Aunt Lela," and "Remember when this was taken." Her daughter said, "It's tough to see her go, but this is truly more like a reunion."

And it was. A foretaste of the one God has prepared. In Heaven. For those who know "Jesus loves me." Prepared by Him, and assisted by a whole flock of folks who helped make it so.

## FILINGS, continued

Mike Meyer has filed as a candidate for district 2 which is currently held by Bahlman.

Jimmy Butler has filed for district 5, which is currently vacant.

Unlike the school elections, anyone who is a resident of Winters may run for any place on the city council but only residents of that particular district may vote.

In the hospital board election, no candidates have signed for the three at-large positions.

Further information regarding these elections may be obtained by contacting the WISD administration office at 603 Heights or calling 754-5574; the Winters City Hall at 310 S. Main or calling 754-4424; and North Runnels Hospital at east highway 153 or calling 754-4553.

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## Jonna Busher achieves new role as Mary Kay director



In today's era of corporate downsizing, restructuring, and glass ceilings, searching for a successful career in any field becomes a challenge. But there are some women who not only have found successful careers but are earning more money, spending more time with their families, and operating their own businesses.

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Hilda Kurtz

*The way I see it — if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.*

Linda and Dale Duggan were hosts for Saturday night's supper. Only a handful of folks came due to the weather and illness. Dale and Therin are doing some work on the gym lights.

Thanks are in order to Nila and Therin Osborne for getting the name signs on back of each Crews chair.

Viron Wilkerson was a Sunday morning visitor at Hopewell Church. On Sunday night, Marvin Gerhart's three grandsons were visitors.

## Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

Those attending the week of prayer Monday morning were Melvena Gerhart, leader; Ramona Akins, Selma Wilkerson, and Nila Osborne.

Bro Ferris Akins, Ramona Akins, David Talbott, and Mildred Morrison were Sunday dinner guests with Selma and Viron Wilkerson.

Fairy and Wilbert Allcorn spent Saturday in Brownwood and helped Jarrell Gibbs celebrate his birthday. On Sunday, the Allcorns drove to Abilene after church services and ate out. When they came home, their grandson Isaac Denson of San Angelo and two of his friends, Brent Rudnicki and Ryan Smith, were there.

Coleman Foreman spent Sunday afternoon with Lawanda at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters. Coleman saw his doctor in San Angelo on Monday and Tuesday. He made an appointment with his heart doctor for Tuesday.

Relatives gathered in the home of Doris Wood Saturday to celebrate those having birthdays in March. Those who came were Mr. and Mrs. Maloy Bryant; Frances Mincey; Douglas and Robert Bryant of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Cameron, Steve and Janna of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bryant and children of Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Calcote; Jim Calcote and Lucy of Abilene; Aaron Calcote and Laci of Weatherford; and Wes Calcote of Winters. Later all attended the Crews supper.

Calvin Hoppe visited Noble Faubion on Sunday evening and brought some sausage. Katy Duggan of Abilene came out and spent Tuesday with her parents, Linda and Dale Duggan.

On Wednesday, Elwood Brown, Susan Mansell, and Linda Duggan were in Dallas to see and help Aunt Frances Brown clean up her new living quarters. She has already moved.

Linda and Dale visited Dennis and Audine McBeth after the Crews supper Saturday night. On Sunday night, the Duggans invited Will Duggan, Leslie Pruser, and Mike Fecci over for supper. Mike is from Abilene.

Georgia Gibbs came home and is recuperating nicely after spending several days in North Runnels Hospital. Connie Mac and Jean brought her home on Sunday.

Noble Faubion's visitors during the week were Eileen Cartwright and Jeremy and Tiffany Prater of Albany, and Rodney Faubion of Dallas. Calvin Hoppe came Sunday evening.

Margie and Jim Jones of Winters came out to see Pat and Earl Cooper during the week. All had a really good visit.

Our community wishes to send our sympathy to the Bill and Josie Hoppe families due to the death of Josie's sister, Lena Sentsz.

Noble Faubion, Eileen Cartwright, and Jeremy and Tiffany Prater came by during the week to see me and get some eggs before going to see Harvey Mac at Heritage Oaks Estate. On Sunday, Noble and Rodney Faubion spent the afternoon with Harvey Mac. Her report was good and she is doing better. She is in room 18.

On Friday night, all six of the Michalewicz sisters (Margie Jacob, Evelyn Jacob, Wilma Halfmann, Merline Weishuhn, Sherline Strube, and Deloris Hoelscher) and friends Lillie Havlak and Florine Gray all ate fish at the Beefmaster in Ballinger.

Grandsons Bryant, Braden, and Bryce Mikeska of Wingate spent Sunday night with Melvena and Marvin Gerhart. Juanita Shields' nephew, Doug Shields of Odessa, spent Monday night with her.

P.S.—Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up.

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### PAINKILLERS

#### How Do Painkillers Work?

Opiates and opioids apparently work through specific receptors in the central nervous system. Aspirin and the other non-prescription drugs are thought to work by blocking the body's production of particular types of prostaglandins, hormone-like substances that are produced throughout the body.

#### Secondary Side Effects

The most common side effect of aspirin and the stronger nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories is gastrointestinal irritation. This can be minimized by taking them with meals or milk.

Acetaminophen does not cause as many intestinal side effects as aspirin, but it should be used with caution by persons who have liver or kidney disorders. The combination of aspirin and acetaminophen is especially damaging to the kidneys, as is heavy alcohol consumption and long-term acetaminophen use to the liver.

Codeine often causes nausea, dizziness, and constipation. A more serious problem, however, involves the tendency of codeine and other narcotic drugs to produce drowsiness. Thus, these agents should not be taken by anyone who must remain alert. In addition, narcotic drugs should never be taken in combination with alcohol, antihistamines, and other allergy or cold pills, anticonvulsants, tranquilizers, muscle relaxants, or any other agent that depresses the central nervous system. Narcotics increase the effects of these drugs on the brain, and a fatal overdose can result from their combined use.

The potentially addictive effect of opiates and other narcotic agents is the major drawback to their long-term use. However, overconcern about addiction has resulted in their underuse in the control of severe pain in a patient with terminal cancer.

Some painkillers have beneficial secondary effects. For example, low-dose aspirin may help prevent a heart attack or stroke by preventing clot formation. By the same token, aspirin can cause bleeding problems.

**Stephanie Burleson, Director**

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March 16 - March 20  
Subject to change

- Breakfast**  
Monday-March 16  
Breakfast Pizza  
Cereal  
Apple Juice  
Tuesday-March 17  
Pancakes/Syrup  
Oatmeal  
Orange Juice  
Wednesday-March 18  
Biscuits  
Sausage  
Mixed Fruit  
Thursday-March 19  
Cinnamon Toast  
Cereal  
Orange Juice  
Friday-March 20  
Toast  
Cream of Wheat  
Sliced Peaches
- Lunch**  
Monday-March 16  
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce  
Green Beans  
Hot Roll  
Peach Half  
Tuesday-March 17  
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
June Peas  
Hot Roll  
Mixed Fruit  
Wednesday-March 18  
Chicken Fajitas  
Flour Tortilla  
Tossed Salad  
Red Beans  
Applesauce Cake/Powdered  
Sugar Icing  
Thursday-March 19  
Baked Ham/Pineapple Slice  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn  
Hot Roll  
Fruit Jello  
Friday-March 20  
Hamburger  
Lettuce/Pickles  
French Fries  
1/2 Orange  
Brownie

Milk Served With All Meals  
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**UPCOMING TRACK MEETS**  
March 13—Eldorado, JH  
March 14—Eldorado, JVB, VB, VG  
JVB - Jr. Varsity Boys  
VB - Varsity Boys VG - Varsity Girls  
JH - Jr. High  
\*Denotes District Competition

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**'98 LADY BLIZZARDS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**

REVISED 02-09-98

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
March 16	Eula*	Here	4:00
March 20	Albany*	There	4:30
March 23	Jim Ned*	Here	4:00
March 27	Panther Creek*	Here	4:30
March 30	Cisco*	Here	5:30
April 3	Eula*	There	4:00
April 6	Albany*	Here	4:30
April 9	Jim Ned*	There	4:00
April 14	Panther Creek*	Here	5:00

\*Denotes District Games

**'98 JV LADY BLIZZARDS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**

REVISED 02-09-98

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
March 16	Eula*	Here	4:00
March 20	Albany*	There	4:30
March 23	Jim Ned*	Here	4:00
March 30	Cisco*	Here	5:30
April 3	Eula*	There	4:00
April 6	Albany*	Here	4:30
April 9	Jim Ned*	There	4:00

\*Denotes District Games

**Seventh Breezes open season with victorious win**

The 7th grade Breezes opened their track season at Wall on March 6 and brought home a third place victory. Winters scored a total of 72 points.

- Individual results follow:  
**100M Dash**  
Alvaro Rodriguez, 4th  
**110M High Hurdles**  
Alex Blackerby, 6th  
**400M Relay**  
Dustin Palmertree, Jose Vega, Clint Marentes, and Alvaro Rodriguez, 1st, 54.2  
**1600M Run**  
Justin Lange, 4th  
**1600M Relay**  
Clint Marentes, Ruben Garcia, Dustin Palmertree, and Alvaro Rodriguez, 2nd, 4:33  
**2400M Run**  
Brian Pritchard, 3rd  
Justin Lange, 6th  
**Shot Put**  
Rusty Jackson, 1st, 33'11"  
**Discus**  
Rusty Jackson, 5th  
Jared Airhart, 6th.

**Eighth Breezes take four top places at Wall**

The 8th grade Breezes competed with seven other schools in the Wall Track Meet on March 6. Though making a minimal scoring, the boys took four top places in the meet.

- Individual results follow:  
**2400M Run**  
Chris Muniz, 3rd, 9.24  
**Discus**  
Chris Hoppe, 1st, 119.4'  
**High Jump**  
Jeremy Hope, 6th  
**Shot Put**  
Chris Hoppe, 2nd, 38.3'

**Play Ball '98**

March 12-14—Hamlin  
Tourney, TBA, TBA, VB  
 March 16—Coleman, Here, 4:00, JVB  
 March 16—Eula\*, Here, 4:00, JVG, VG  
 March 17—Coleman, There, 4:00, VB

VB-Varsity Boys VG-Varsity Girls  
 JVB-Junior Varsity Boys  
 JVG-Junior Varsity Girls  
 \*Denotes District Games

**Conner's piano students perform at Music Festival**

Piano students of Susan Conner participated in the Abilene Music Teachers Association Music Festival on Saturday, March 7.

Students were judged by Patricia Banks and Betty Roath of Brownwood.

Students earned ratings of Superior and Excellent and received ribbons for their performances.

Participating students were Kinsey Airhart, Jena Bahlman, Leah Bredemeyer, Rachel Davis, Stefanie Davis, Marci Paschal, Alecia Sudduth, and Stacey Walden.

**Athletic Booster Club to meet March 19**

Winters Athletic Booster Club will meet Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in David Evans' classroom to finalize plans for the Athletic Banquet.

The banquet is set for April 23 and will recognize and honor all Winters High School athletes.

**WHS Student Council takes District Sweepstakes for third consecutive year**

by TAMMY THORPE, WHS Student Council

Excitement ran high as the Winters High School Student Council filed off the bus and posed for a group picture. The students watched as bus after bus pulled into the parking lot dropping off loads of students for the 1998 Region 2 Spring Student Council Convention.

The WHS Student Council was running for the office of Parliamentarian for the region and had to compete against Brady High School. Posters were mounted, and requests made for the schools to vote for Winters.

Project reports were ready to hand in to be judged, and the scrapbook was being passed around for everyone to look at before it was turned in to be judged.

Finally, people began filing into the auditorium to begin the conference.

The WHS Student Council presented their skit after lunch. Each school running for an office performed a skit that could not be over five minutes but that encouraged the other schools to vote for them.

The theme of the Winters skit was "Spice Up Your Life" and consisted of a Student Council meeting with the objective of finding a theme for a dance. Spice Girls were Jamie Bishop, Sport Spice; Tarra Bums, Scary Spice; Misty Pritchard, Patriotic Spice; Brooke Tounget, Posh Spice; and Alison Wells, Baby Spice. Michael Pritchard's role was the Student Council President, and Tammy Thorpe's role was the Student Council Parliamentarian.

A roll call vote was taken and Winters won the office of Parliamentarian by a landslide.

Immediately following the election were the announcements of outstanding awards and the District Sweepstakes award. Winters received outstanding awards in all possible areas. These included Pride and Patriotism, Energy and Conservation, D.A.S.H., and Scrapbook.

In District 8-2A, Winters was awarded the Sweepstakes award for the third consecutive year. Congratulations are certainly in order for the hard work, dedication, and excellency of the WHS Student Council.

The Student Council would like to thank the Winters Elementary, the Administration, the WHS student body, Mr. Charles Kidwell, Mr. Bill Cathey, and everyone else who helped support them in the last year. A special thanks is delivered to Mrs. Rhea Parramore for being a wonderful sponsor.



THESE PRITCHARD BROTHERS didn't let a little cold, wet weather stop their fun while sister Misty was running in the Blizzard Relays last Saturday. King of the hill seems to be Colton, age 5, with Cody, age 11, in center and Colby, age 6, at the bottom of the pile — at least for the moment and subject to change without notice or warning.

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- 1 in Parker Co. on 199
- 5 earth for plowing
- 6 swimmin' or waterin' (pond)
- 7 this Bing was in "Say One For Me" with TX Reynolds (init.)
- 8 TX Bonnie & Clyde were a "daring"
- 9 big cats of the Rio Grande Valley
- 16 TXism: "naked as a jay"
- 17 dreaded TX police code 10-32 means "gun"
- 18 in Hunt Co. on 69
- 20 TXism: "hard as putting up in a windstorm"
- 22 TX-based Mexican Buffet
- 27 Sen. Gramm
- 28 TXism: "as silk"
- 29 TXism: "cowboy corral" (jukebox)
- 30 grease up to cook chicken fried steak (3 wds.)
- 32 Einstein (init.)
- 33 TXism: "I'd rather be a live coward than"
- 36 Egyptian river
- 37 what some Texans fund for retirement
- 38 take into custody
- 39 it's illegal to use a metal on Padre Island shore
- 41 TXism: "the mark"

**DOWN**

- 1 a tray you will no longer find in TX government bldgs.
- 2 TXism: "critter corral"
- 3 Colleyville named for Dr. Howard Colley
- 4 a Spanish language Dallas newspaper
- 8 "God" south of the border
- 9 California foe of the ex-Houston Oilers
- 10 he's Walker, Texas Ranger (init.)
- 11 TX White who was 1st American to walk in space (init.)
- 12 actor in "Leap of Faith" with TX Martin
- 42 kitchen or bathroom floor installers
- 45 muscular contraction
- 46 TXism: "it'll make your hair stand on"
- 47 TXism: "con dions"
- 48 TX Oatmeal Festival has the "Thon" race
- 49 rare clubs in a golf bag
- 52 an antelope you can see at the San Antonio Zoo
- 53 Bruno was Judge Roy Bean's "bear"
- 54 poetic before
- 55 ancestor of the donkey

**The Original**

**TEXAS CROSSWORD**  
by Charley & Guy Orbison

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

## Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

### Gold is where you find it

Unlike the man searching for gold, who returned home to find it in his backyard, the Winters senior adults have known for some time they have it great here with golden days.

It came out of what we thought was disaster when Humble Oil Company moved away leaving their office empty, which was donated to the city.

The Housing Authority was new and an effort to assist elderly people by serving them one meal a week from this building was begun. This was started by Rosemary Bennie assisted by Marie Allen.

In due time, the city employed Gerald Danford to renovate the building and it became the Activity Center on 601 Wood Street for senior adults age 60 and above. This program was aided by the government and food was served three times a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, for \$1.00 a plate.

The center was opened in 1977 with Rosemary Bennie in charge. Marie took over when Bennie died in 1989 and worked three years to round out 16 years of service.

In the summer of 1994, Janet Cason became director. She is a young woman full of ideas and activities which she related:

"We began delivering meals three days a week, about 18 to 20 meals a day. We deliver 60 now five days a week. We began in June of '97 to serve five meals a day in the center.

"I've always wanted to work with food and I cater on the side, mostly biscuits and sweets. We entered 15 different sweet items in the San Angelo Fair, March 7. My boys, Wacey, 12, and Ty, 8, help Mom.

"There is an average of 45 to 50 people present two Wednesdays a month that Home Care comes to



Charlsie Poe

take blood pressure and blood sugar.

"We are all getting excited about going to the Senior Jamboree at Abilene Civic Center May 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme is "It's A Jungle Out There." Come dressed for the occasion — there will be prizes for best costume. There will also be a luncheon and seminars.

"Twenty-one went to visit the Christmas tree in Robert Lee last Christmas and ate out at the Cracker Barrel.

"Birthdays are very important to us, and once a month, there is a party for those having a birthday and their meal is free. We play bingo on Friday.

"It is custom to stand and salute the flag while we quote the Pledge of Allegiance. Then a volunteer leads us in repeating the Lord's Prayer. Cards are left on the table for us to sign for those who are ill or bereaved.

"Home delivered meals, about 60 a day, are carried to the homebound over 60 years of age. The churches in town and Eastern Star takes care of these. Where they are county sponsored, we ask for a donation. Suggested cost for homebound delivered meals is \$2.25. People over 60 may eat here for a suggested price of \$2.00, under 60 is \$3.50."

The Activity Center has many friends and is lucky to have had Jim Jones, high school teacher with a class called "building traits," to build an east wing in 1981 at little cost for more space.

Soon after her arrival, Janet promoted the publication and sale

of a cookbook to buy a dishwasher. This was accomplished in four months, and Eddie Bennie operates it.

Other longtime employees are Olga Meyers (1981) and Evelyn Jacob (1987). They say that the center carries on alot more activities now than then, but that they did more baking then, which was done on Tuesday — 80 dozen cookies a week. Cinnamon rolls were baked on Thursday and taken out all over the country to college kids at Brownwood and to Abilene College Station. When Rosemary went to the doctor, she took rolls to Abilene.

They had socials on Friday night with everyone bringing a covered dish and playing 42 and dominoes. They had a band to play, but the fiddlers are all deceased.

Other employees are Donna Gray who came in June of '96 and Betty Burson, who has worked for Green Thumb and came in January of '96. Clarence Hambright is a volunteer server of tea and takes trays to people. His work is greatly appreciated. There are many others who assist with trays.

Longtime members still around are Dovie McKnight, Dick Mayo, Hattie Minzenmayer, M.L. and Odessa Dobbins, Evelyn Smith, L.W. and Ellen Kettler, Floyd and Opal Milliom who always sit in the same place.

Eula Mae Kruse, retired school teacher, is eating with them five times a week. She says the food is super, well-balanced meals, and tasty. With friendly fellowship who would choose to eat alone when such an opportunity is available.

The main thing is that senior adults have found a place where they belong and where they can still help others.

### Volunteers needed for CIA workday

This year, the Christmas in April workday will be Saturday, April 18.

Eight houses are scheduled for repair. The homes are owned by elderly people and those who have a need of home repair and are unable to repair the homes themselves.

The goal of Christmas in April is to make these homes warm, safe, and secure.

Homes will be repaired in one day by volunteers from the community. Volunteers are needed for babysitting, painting, electrical, plumbing, delivery of drinks and food during the workday, and helping with cooking and food preparation. There are always those who would like to help but don't know in which area they may help. Call and you will be assigned to help. There is always room for one more helper.

In years past, the CIA workday has been a success and will continue to be due to the interest of the community. Local businesses and volunteers have always been a part of the success. CIA is not possible without the help of volunteers. Many needy home owners have been helped by this project, and it is the wish of the community to continue to help their neighbors through the CIA program.

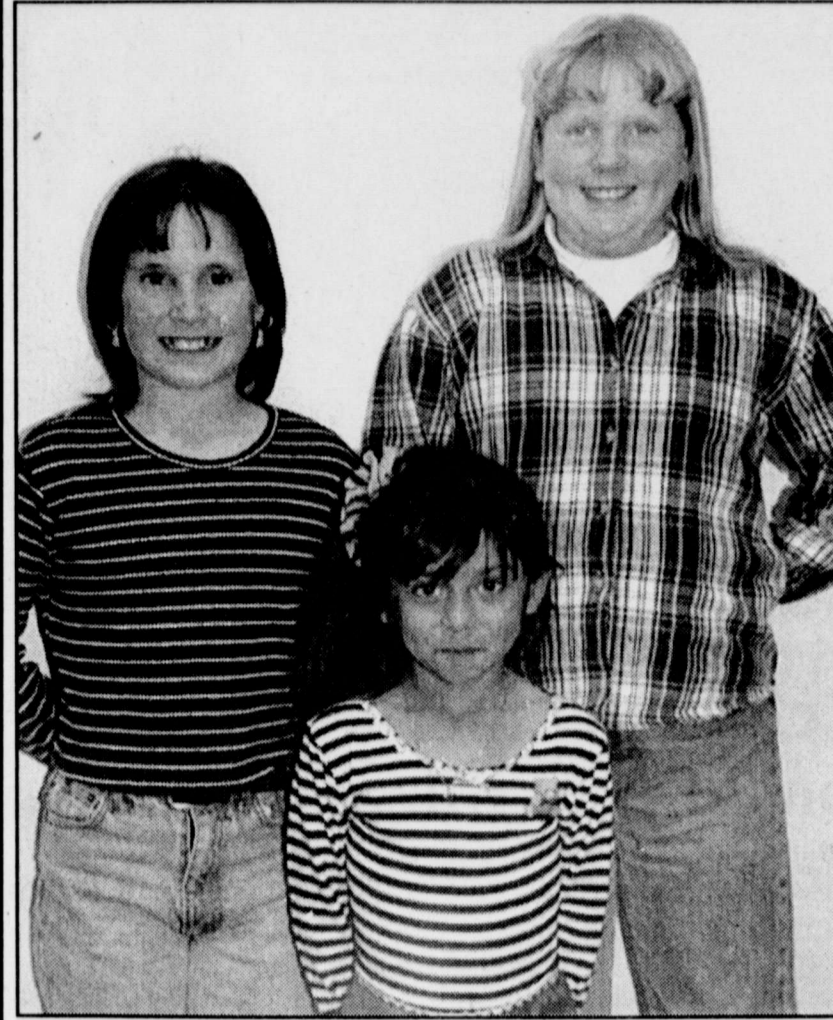
House captains will be Phil Colbum, Bob Lindley, Blas Lugo, Lanny Bahlman, Buddy Miller, Larry Walker, Mike McDonald, and Garland O'Dell.

To volunteer, please contact Julie Springer, 743-2244; Mark Goetz, 754-4152; Terry Wyatt, 754-5577 or 754-5783; or any one of the house captains.

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### Top cookie sellers —



FIRST, SECOND, & THIRD PLACE ENTREPRENEURS of the Winters Girl Scout Cookie Sales were (from left, clockwise) Christina Perrie, 310 boxes, representing Troop #163; Marci Paschal, 246 boxes, Troop #163; and Ariel Diaz, 162 boxes, Troop #161.

### Sing-along at Guiding Light Church

The Guiding Light Spirit Filled Church will have a sing-along on Sunday, March 15, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

If you play an instrument, please feel free to bring it with you.

Come one, come all. Everyone is welcome.

### Little League registration again Friday

Winters Little League will hold a second registration for all ages on Friday, March 13, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the Catholic Church Fellowship Building.

Registration fee is \$30 per child. (This includes a cap fee.)

A copy of your child's birth certificate and a copy of their social security number is needed.

For more information, contact Dawn Green at 754-4430 or Mary Lynn Presley at 754-5144.

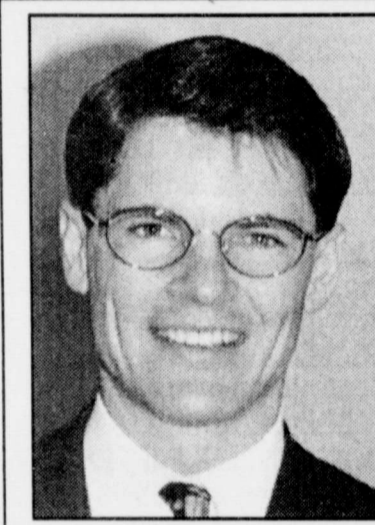
Thank you for reading The Winters Enterprise

### Eastern Star's Friendship Night set March 17

Winters Chapter #80 O.E.S. will meet Tuesday evening, March 17, at 7:30 for a regular stated meeting. Friendship night will be observed with Nancy Allen, P.G.M., bringing the program.

A covered dish dinner will be served following the meeting.

All members are encouraged to be present.



JEFF TURNER has accepted the position of Interim Administrator of North Runnels Hospital. Mr. Turner has worked with Hendrick Medical Center for the past five years where he currently serves as assistant vice-president.

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**JIMMY RODRIGUEZ** eases to the finish line for the first place win in the 3200 meter run. Despite the cold, windy, wet conditions, Rodriguez finished the race almost 38 seconds ahead of the second place runner.

## Blizzards fight chilly temperatures, rain to win championships at Blizzard Relays

Many young men and women fought the chilly temperatures and intermittent rain to compete in the Blizzard Relays Saturday, March 7.

All three teams from Winters were impressive in the long awaited for Blizzard Relays. This was the first time in approximately 25 years that Winters had hosted a track meet due to poor field conditions. A new field was constructed this past year.

Ready for action in the opening meet of the season, both the varsity boys and girls won their division, and the junior varsity boys took a strong fifth place.

The varsity boys scored almost double the points of the second place team. Winters had 195 points and Brady fell second with 98. Taking third was Wall with 96, fourth was Jim Ned with 73, fifth was Central with 56, and Ballinger took sixth with 20.

Individual results follow:  
**Pole Vault**  
Larry Hoyle, 2nd, 11'  
Leo Uresti, 5th, 10'  
**Discus**  
Kenny Whittenburg, 1st, 131'2"  
Michael Prewit, 3rd, 127'  
Mariusz Skibicki, 4th, 126'

**High Jump**  
Lee Woffenden, 1st, 5'6"  
**Long Jump**  
Larry Hoyle, 4th, 18'2.25"  
Justin Minzenmayer, 5th, 17'11.5"  
**Triple Jump**  
Justin Minzenmayer, 3rd, 38'8.25"  
Eric Joeris, 6th, 37'10.75"  
**Shot Put**  
Marshall Scates, 2nd, 43'11.5"  
Kirk Byrd, 3rd, 41'1.25"

**3200M Run**  
Jimmy Rodriguez, 1st, 10:55.48  
V.J. Santoya, 3rd, 11:33.57  
**800M Run**  
Ricky Luz, 2nd, 2:09.03  
**110M Hurdles**  
Eric Joeris, 1st, 16.33  
Jeremy Alvarado, 17.30  
**100M Dash**  
Wes Calcote, 4th, 11.67  
**400M Dash**  
Lee Woffenden, 1st, 55.6  
Larry Hoyle, 2nd, 55.98  
Oscar Luz, 3rd, 56.91

**300M Hurdles**  
Jeremy Alvarado, 1st, 43.55  
**200M Dash**  
Eric Bernal, 1st, 23.24  
Justin Minzenmayer, 4th, 24.51  
Wes Calcote, 5th, 25.20

**1600 M Run**  
Jimmy Rodriguez, 1st, 5:01.64  
V.J. Santoya, 4th, 5:24.56  
**1600M Relay**  
Eric Bernal, Oscar Luz, Lee Woffenden, and Ricky Luz, 1st, 3:37.23.

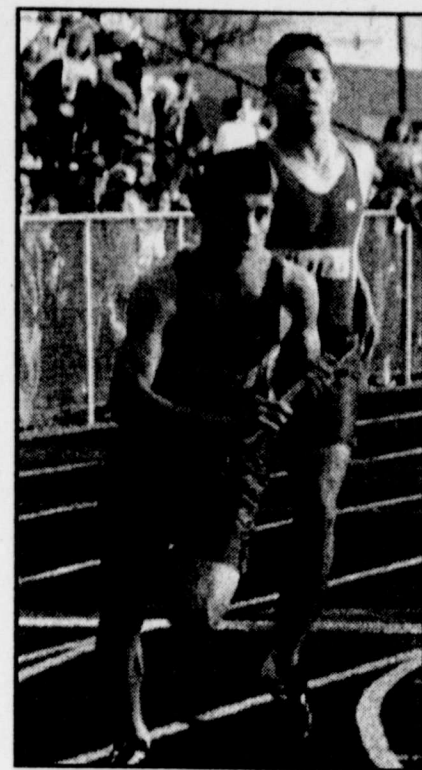
The girls team won the championship with 206 points. Brady was second with 118; Jim Ned was third with 113; Ballinger took 4th place with 91; and Grape Creek was 5th with 6 points.

Individual results follow:  
**Shot Put**  
Esmeralda Sanchez, 4th, 26'11.5"  
Benita Flores, 6th, 25'9"  
**Discus**  
Tammy Thorpe, 4th, 82'5"  
Benita Flores, 6th, 78'6"  
Alison Wells, 7th, 78'2"

**High Jump**  
Jeanna Kozelsky, 1st, 4'10"  
**Long Jump**  
Jeanna Kozelsky, 2nd, 15'4.5"  
Karen Oats, 3rd, 14'8.5"  
**Triple Jump**  
Jeanna Kozelsky, 2nd, 32'11"  
Karen Oats, 4th, 30'8.75"  
Desiraé Hammersmith, 5th, 29'5.25"

**3200M Run**  
Kourtney Cathey, 3rd, 14:39.36  
Sonya Vega, 4th, 15:35.43  
Lucero Vega, 5th, 17:06.97  
**400M Relay**  
Jamie Bishop, Monica Parramore, Kacy McCuiston, and Amanda Cross, 2nd, 55.81

**800M Run**  
Kendra Hope, 2nd, 2:50.46  
Jacky Dexter, 5th, 2:55.53  
Candi Lara, 6th, 2:55.82  
**100M Hurdles**  
Kelli Slimp, 1st, 17.02  
**100M Dash**  
Karen Oats, 2nd, 13.50  
Monica Parramore, 3rd, 14.01  
Jamie Bishop, 6th, 14.55  
**800M Relay**  
Karen Oats, Jeanna Kozelsky, Monica Parramore, and Misty Pritchard, 1st, 1:55.26  
**400M Dash**  
Tarra Burns, 3rd, 67.59  
Lori Bremeyer, 5th, 68.62  
**300M Hurdles**  
Jeanna Kozelsky, 1st, 49.36  
Kelli Slimp, 2nd, 50.01  
Kacy McCuiston, 4th, 59.27



**OSCAR LUZ** takes the handoff from Eric Bernal in the 1600 meter relay. The team, which includes Lee Woffenden and Ricky Luz, won first place with time of 3:37.23.



**JUSTIN MINZENMAYER** leaps to a third place finish in the triple jump with a 38'8.25" distance.



**MISTY PRITCHARD** focuses on the tape as she brings home the first place win for her team in the 800 meter relay with a time of 1:55.26.

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• You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1997. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 1998.

**What's the deadline?**  
The last day for filing 1998 renditions is April 15. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be post-marked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

**Where do you file?**  
File renditions with your local appraisal district at:  
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406 Hutchings Ave - P.O. Box 524  
Ballinger, Texas 76821  
915/365-3583

For more information stop by your appraisal district and pick up  
"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"  
Or contact:  
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### Another brick listing for verification

The Enterprise is printing in this issue a listing of bricks which have been ordered for the Rock Hotel Walkway since February 1, 1998. The listing is printed just as the wording will appear on the bricks. You are encouraged to check each of the bricks you ordered for mistakes or corrections.

Work on the exterior of the Rock Hotel has begun recently. Restoration of the first floor is finished except for a few finishing touches. Final planning is being done on the second floor, so that the exhibit area can be started as soon as the exterior is finished. The brick walkway will be installed after the painting of the exterior is completed.

Due to strong community support for the brick walkway project, the Museum Board voted at its last meeting to continue brick sales, with the new bricks to be added to the walkway about every six months.

Please check this brick information carefully, especially dates and spelling, and send any corrections in writing only to Z.I. Hale Museum, P.O. Box 42, Winters, Texas 79567. All corrections need to be in by March 20.

Once the orders are turned in to the brick company, no changes can be made without a \$25 fee to change the brick.

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## Extension News & Views

By Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM

# Advice for pruning trees

**DO NOT.....**  
Do not top your tree. Topping is unfortunately a common practice designed to encourage vigorous new growth. While that is achieved, the overall strength and structure of the tree are sacrificed. The limbs that are forced from latent buds are very often weakly attached, which makes them susceptible to wind damage. Pollarding is often confused with topping, but this practice is following by thinning, and is more technically demanding. Many Europeans utilize this practice to dwarf their trees.

**Do not make stab cuts.** Do not leave a portion of the branch sticking out; this will allow rot to enter more easily.

**Do not make cuts flush with the trunk or adjoining limb.** The proper cut is made flush with the collar at the base of the branch. The collar is a somewhat raised area surrounding the branch union with the parent branch or trunk. This zone contains chemically-protective tissue; if it is cut off or severely cut into, proper natural "healing" cannot occur. And, once this area is damaged, it is damaged for good. Trees have the unique ability to compartmentalize, or surround injured tissues with a protective barrier.

**Do not cut large limbs with a one-cut method.** This will surely result in bark peeling from the weight of the cut limb. Rather, use the three-cut method.

**Do not use pruning or wound dressings.** They do not encourage "healing," nor do they prevent pathogens from entering the tree. Although they will not damage the tree, they will certainly prove to be an unwarranted cost. Painting could be justified where aesthetics are concerned. A dark paint can hide the glaring spot made from fresh wood being exposed from a recent cut.

**DO.....**

**Do approach the tree, and look for any limbs that might be a hazard to someone underneath it or to a building or structure nearby.** Broken branches, weak branches, narrow crotch angles, and other obvious faults should be identified. First and foremost, these limbs should be taken care of.

**Do remove any dead or dying material on the tree.**

**Do remove limbs that are rubbing each other or cross over one another.** Limbs that rub will develop wounds that attract insects and diseases.

**Do remove excessive vertical sprouts.** Some may need to be left in place to encourage caliper

growth.

**Do prune to encourage fruiting.** In the case of fruit trees, thinning out of limbs will allow allocation of nutrients, etc., for fruit production. In addition, practices such as open-center pruning allow sunlight penetration for fruit ripening.

**Do choose to keep branches with wide crotch angles.** Wide crotch angles are generally from 40 to 90 degrees, and are very strong as a result of being composed of solid wood. Narrow crotch angles are less than 40 degrees, and contain a bark inclusion that causes them to be very weak. Narrow crotch angles should preferably be pruned out while the tree is still young. In older, established trees, bracing and cabling may be the only resort.

**Do prune the tree to your liking.** There are many different ways that one particular tree may be pruned. Even experts will have differing opinions on which branches to remove. The bottom line is: whatever you like is what you should do, so long as you utilize proper cutting techniques and pruning methods.

**Do keep in mind that you should always have a reason for every cut that is made.**

## Ten free white flowering dogwood trees

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March 1998.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."



The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to twelve-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to "Arbor Day," the Foundation's monthly publication, and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOOD TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 1998.

## Extension News & Views

By Steve Byrns, Communications Specialist

### Bobwhite Brigade calls for recruits

Applications are being accepted until April 1 for entry into Extension's three Bobwhite Brigades this summer. The Rolling Plains camp is June 21-25 at the Krooked River Ranch near Lueders. The South Texas camp is set for July 12-16 on the 74 Ranch at Campbellton. The East Texas camp at Camp Tyler in Tyler is scheduled for August 2-6.

The Bobwhite Brigade is a four-day camp for high school students that is designed to make them quail experts. Cadets are given intensive training in quail biology and management by leading wildlife scientists from throughout Texas. After graduating, each member is expected to present quail management educational programs in his or her home

county.

Each camp is restricted to 25 to 30 youth between the ages of 13 and 17. Incoming sophomores and juniors (15-16 year olds) are preferred. No more than two out-of-state applicants will be invited per camp. Applicants should possess a strong interest in wildlife and be able to show evidence of leadership development. All Bobwhite Brigade graduates are asked to present educational programs on various aspects of conservation. Scholarships are available to those excelling in conducting such programs.

Applications for this year's camps are available from local County Extension offices or by contacting Dale Rollins at (915) 653-4576.

### Veterans Auxiliary seeking Young Volunteer of the Year

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 Ladies Auxiliary is accepting nominations and applications for the Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year in North Runnels County.

This individual must be a U.S. Citizen between the ages of 12 to 15. He/she must have provided outstanding volunteer service to the community from June 1, 1997, to April 1, 1998.

Nominees will be judged on the number of volunteer activities in which they have been involved. Activities could include volunteering in hospitals, nursing homes; aiding senior citizens; providing services to veterans; involvement in scouting, church, or school programs; and other activities which serve the community.

In addition, the quality of service will be considered, such as

an individual who has accomplished one truly outstanding achievement.

Young people who wish to apply will need three letters of recommendation and 150 handwritten words by the applicant stating "Why I Am A Volunteer" and explain how his or her volunteer efforts go above and beyond normal activities.

The person selected by the Auxiliary will be entered in the State contest. The Texas winner will be entered in the National contest. First place State winners receive a \$100 savings bond, and the National winner will receive a \$1,000 savings bond.

Please send nominations or applications by March 15, 1998, to Mary Kurtz, 150 CR 206, Winters, Texas 79567 or call 754-5182.

## Extension News & Views

by Mike Mauldin, Extension Agent-Ag

### Ways to stop sandburs and other lawn weeds

Sandburs and other hardy weeds are a perpetual problem in Runnels County lawns. They diminish the beauty of a lawn and certainly damage the value of the lawn for recreation.

Those of us that just have weeds where a lawn was meant to be may need to start over, but those who have a good lawn grass cover can successfully battle weeds with a combination of fertilizer, water, and/or herbicide.

Fertilizer and water may be all you need to stop sandburs and other nuisance grasses and weeds if you have a good cover of lawn grass. Given good growing conditions, Bermuda and St. Augustine, our most common lawn grasses, will choke out almost any competing grasses and weeds.

Fact sheets detailing lawn fer-

tilization and watering practices are available from the County Extension Office.

The first fertilizer application should be made in late March or early April at a rate of approximately 8 lb. per 1000 sq. ft. Additional summer and fall fertilization coupled with regular soaking lawn watering throughout the year will promote lush, vigorous growth that can quickly crowd out burs and other weeds and grasses.

Preemergence herbicides can also be used to prevent the germination of sandburs and other annual weeds and grasses, but the herbicides should be applied soon. Sandburs and other weeds begin germination by late February or early March and the preemergence herbicide must be applied and

watered (1/2" or more water from rain or sprinkler) into the soil, before seeds begin to sprout.

Timing is a key factor when applying preemergence herbicides. Even though we are having warm days, the night time temperatures have remained fairly cool. By the second week of March, the temperature should be warm enough to make a successful preemergence application.

Preemergence herbicides for lawn use can be purchased in liquid or granular form. Applications of these chemicals must be uniform and accurately measured or damaging side effects to the lawn, trees, and shrubs could be a problem. If you doubt that you have the equipment and calibration knowledge needed to apply a preemergence herbicide strictly according to the label, then have it done by a professional.

Preemergence herbicides labeled for lawns include:

**XL 2G** - a granular mix of surflan and balan, XL is a top material for season long, safe control for annual weeds.

**Surflan 4 A.S. or 75WP** - the same benefits as XL, but must be sprayed on.

**Ronstar G** - a granular material that is long-lasting and relatively safe from side effects. Available to commercial applicators only.

**Princep** - available as a liquid or wettable powder for spraying or as a granular material for broadcast application. Danger of harmful side effects to grass, trees, and shrubs if label rate is exceeded or if applied to sandy or highly alkaline soils.

**Balan 2.5G** - a granular material that is very safe as far as side effects, but only offers about 2 months of control for germinating seeds. Two applications are needed for season-long weed control.

Roundup is a safe chemical to use around trees or shrubs as long as it does not come in contact with foliage or green bark; however, there are a number of herbicides that are soil sterilants and should never be used around the lawn or near any valued tree or shrub.

Common herbicides that should not be used near any lawn or valuable tree include: Grazon PC, Grazon P+D, Velper, Reclaim, Spike, Hyvar, Krovar, and Pramitol. Careless use of these and other chemicals often causes damage or death of landscape trees that the applicator thought were safe.

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